OLD ENGLAND.

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CONSIDER the late Edict of the *French* King, which beſtows *Nobility* upon all his military Officers of the Rank and Standing therein ſpecified, as one of the moſt political Inſtitutions of the preſent Age. It is for *Honour*, as well as for Bread, that the Gentlemen of the Army ſerve; and when any of them fall in Battle, their ſurviving Friends, eſpecially thoſe of the ſame Profeſſion, think it ſufficient Conſolation, that they died in the *Bed of Honour*.

This Way of Reaſoning prevails more eſpecially in *France*, where the Glory of the King is perhaps more regarded than the Glory of God, or the Intereſts of Chriſtianity. If the two latter are as much neglected in other Countries as in *France*, the common Object of private Ambition is at leaſt more noble and manly than there: It extends to the Country and the Conſtitution, in which every Man conſiders himſelf as having a proper Intereſt, and does not center all in a ſingle Perſon, whoſe humane good Qualities are generally ſpoiled or injured by the divine Attributes which Flattery prophanely aſcribes to him.

Can it be expected, among a People who are ſunk into this low Species of Idolatry, that the ſame Notion ſhould prevail as among the old *Romans*? The ſame Opinion, which gives all Right and Property to a ſingle Man, derives from that Source every Advantage, either of Honour or Fortune, which flows upon Individuals: And what is received as mere Grace and Favour, not as the juſt Reward of Merit, brings with it ſuch a Share of Humility, that I ſhould as ſoon expect to hear a *Frenchman* ſpeak the plain Truth only of his own Country, as to hear him deſcant on Honour in the Strain of *Shakeſpear*'s humorous old *Engliſh* Knight, the ever-memorable Sir *John Falſtaff*.

As theſe are ſome Outlines of the general Temper of the *French* Nation, it is manifeſt that nothing more political could be contrived to promote the Intereſts of royal Ambition, which no Man living hath ſeen long dormant within the Circle of a *French* Crown, than this Scheme of attaching *Nobility* (or rather *Gentility*, according to the common Acceptation of thoſe Terms in *Engliſh*) to long and faithful Service in the Army: And this Diſtinction is the more ſolid, as well as the more ſpecious, by being made hereditary to the Deſcendents of every old Soldier who obtains it.

Let us add to the Honour, the Exemption from particular Taxes which is annexed to it by the ſame Edict, and we ſhall ſee a very ſtrong Bait laid in the Way of the Fair Sex, who are ſeldom much averſe either to Wealth or Title. A ſprightly young Officer, in the full Bloom of Health, has uſually Charms enough in his own Perſon to captivate a Female Heart: But an old Captain of Fifty-five, who has completed his Thirty Years of Servitude, and perhaps has been maimed as well by an Enemy as by Time, may ſeem to want ſome adventitious Recommendation to a Woman of Beauty and Fortune, if, in the Decline of Life, and while his Country is at Peace, he ſhould chuſe to cloſe his Days in the ſofter Campaigns of *Hymen*. Now the Power of making his Wife a Lady, and all their Iſſue Gentlemen and Ladies, and at the ſame Time a perpetual Diſcharge from ſome of thoſe Impoſitions which are the moſt burthenſome to common Families, are, as I juſt now obſerved, Diſtinctions not only ſpecious and plauſible, but ſolid and real. They may procure the ſunburnt Invalid ſome pecuniary Advantages, which will add greatly to thoſe Conveniences that are more peculiarly wanted in Old Age.

The Conſtitution of *England* does not at preſent, and I hope never will, admit of a Standing Army entirely at the Choice and Diſpoſal of the Crown. This we are repeatedly told, with ſmall Variation of Form, in the annual Acts to puniſh Mutiny and Deſertion, and regulate the Army: And we ſaw the Day, but a very few Years ago, in which no legal Army ſubſiſted in *England*; for the Parliament having omitted to paſs a new Act of that kind 'till after the Day was elapſed in which the former expired, every Soldier in the Kingdom was for the Time diſcharged of the Penalties that deprived him of his Liberty.—But as it happened, very few were apprized of this Omiſſion, and I do not hear that any Advantage of it was taken.

As our Army therefore is a parliamentary Army, I could wiſh that, if the *French* Scheme of creating a military Nobleſſe were copied here, it would be ſo in Part only, and that ſuch Dignity ſhould be conferred only in conſequence of a parliamentary Recommendation: And that this Recommendation might be purely and wholly for military Service done to their Country, I ſhould think it expedient that a ſelf-denying Ordinance or Law ſhould be firſt paſſed, either to diſqualify all military Officers, without Exception, for the holding Seats in Parliaments, or to diſable thoſe who held ſuch Seats, without Exception alſo, to receive any of the Honours decreed to military Merit, or any Benefit whatſoever in conſequence of a Recommendation in which themſelves were Parties.

This Project has not the leaſt Tendency to make the Fountain of Honour other than what it is, and ought doubtleſs to be in all Monarchies. The Dignity would ſtill be conferred by the King only, and in his Name alone. And if the other Eſtates in Parliament had a Right to chuſe who ſhould have lawful Pretenſions to it, the Crown would ſtill have that Option which it's negative Power gives in all Caſes, tho' it uſes in ſcarce any, of refuſing to confer that Legality and Efficacy which can be derived only from the Royal Aſſent.

Some Inſtances of a Procedure not much unlike this have lately appeared, when the Throne has been addreſſed by the Houſe of Commons to beſtow poſthumous Honours on particular Gentlemen, who fell bravely diſtinguiſhed in their Country's Service, by erecting Monuments to their Memory; with a Promiſe, that the Expence of ſuch monumental Honours ſhould be made good out of the next Supplies. But would it not be quite as well if ſome national Regard was ſhewn to living Merit, when it ſhines obvious to all the People, and not in the Eyes of Miniſters and Court-Favourites only? We ſhould then correct an Error in regard to active Worth, which our *Britiſh Horace*, after the *Roman*, complains of as prevalent in regard to literary Excellence, when he tells us that we

Beſtow a Garland only on a Bier.

Certainly, the Proſpect of ſome other Reward than that of Half-pay for Life, or a Proviſion in *Chelſea-College*, a Reward better adapted to thoſe Sentiments of Honour which are natural to military Men, would be a powerful Incentive to Vigilance and Bravery in the hazardous Profeſſion of Arms: And it would operate the more powerfully on a generous Mind, which had true Notions of the *Britiſh* Conſtitution, from the Conſideration that it would be requeſted by the Voice of his Country, and not beſtowed as the Wages of Violence, for carrying Death and Deſolation into a neighbouring State; or for impoſing Yokes on the Shoulders, and Chains on the Legs, of his Fellow-Citizens. When this Diſtinction ceaſes, if it ever ſhould ceaſe, betwixt a *Britiſh* and a *French* Army, there can no other valuable Diſtinction remain betwixt a *Britiſh* and a *French* Subject.

Though I have ſaid thus much in regard to our Land-Army; yet, as this Army is much leſs neceſſary in *England* than a good maritime Force, it gives me peculiar Pleaſure to obſerve, that moſt of the poſthumous Honours which have lately been addreſſed for, have been requeſted in Behalf of naval Heroiſm. Without the leaſt Diſparagement of the Land-Service, in which perſonal Merit may be as conſpicuous as in that of the Sea, I muſt confeſs I have ſo much of the Iſlander in me as to give the Preference to the latter. We have done extremely well without a large Land-Army; but we never have done, and we never can do well, without a numerous Fleet, in good Condition, plentifully provided, and commanded by brave and experienced Officers.

If ſome peculiar kind of Knighthood were inſtituted, in order to incite to the Performance of Duty by the Expectation of it, and crown the moſt diſtinguiſhed Inſtances of Courage and Conduct immediately after they were ſhewn, I am inclined to think it would have an exceeding good Effect on our marine Affairs. If great Succeſs, tho' ariſing rather from good Fortune and Accident than from perſonal Merit, were ſometimes to have a Share in this honorary Reward, it might not perhaps be altogether impolitic. But long and faithful Service, tho' it never had the Felicity to be crowned with ſhining Victories, ſhould by no means be overlooked in ſuch a Diſtribution of the public Recompence.

If it be objected to me, that there is already the Nobility of the upper Claſs, even of the Peerage, for the Reward of fortunate Merit in *England*; to which may be added the Blue or Green Ribband, and a lucrative Place, in caſe either the Merit, the Fortune, the Wealth, or, what is equivalent to all, the Gale of Court-Favour ſhould ſwell to any extraordinary Degree: That the Red Ribband has judiciouſly been beſtowed, in our own Time, as the Reward of military Virtue both by Sea and Land; and that therefore any other Order, diſtinct from theſe, would be ſuperfluous, and tend only to depreciate the Value of Knighthood in general.——To this I would anſwer,

That neither of the Honours abovementioned are beſtowed in the Manner I have hinted, as the Conſequence of a ſenatorial Repreſentation; but, tho' in late Inſtances great Diſcernment and Juſtice have been viſible in the Diſtribution of them, they may, on other Occaſions, not improbably be procured by a corrupt Influence: That the *Bath* ſeems rather to be a Chamber than a military Order, as the antient Uſe of it was to decorate the Inaugurations or Marriages of Princes: That the *Garter* and *Thiſtle* are indeed military, as well as civil and aulic Inſtitutions, and the Motto of the latter, *Nemo me impune laceſſit*, ſeems to have peculiar Reference to the military Part; yet as they are both limited in Number, and reſtrained to the upper Rank of Nobility, they are not ſufficient to preclude any lower Degree of military Knighthood.

The Order of *Knight-Bannerets* might be revived for the Land-Service with great Propriety. We were taught to expect ſomething of this Kind at the Beginning of the late War, when his Majeſty was an Eye-Witneſs of the Behaviour of the *Britiſh* Officers at *Dettingen*. I was thinking of the *Golden Anchor* or the *Main-ſail*, as a proper Diſtinction in naval Knighthood, if the Terms might not ſometimes remind the Knights of lying in Port or eſcaping, when Duty called upon them to bear down and engage: But for this Reaſon, either of thoſe Titles might perhaps be improper. What other might be choſen, I ſhall not preſume to ſay: For as I do not pretend to much technical Knowlege in naval Affairs, I would leave this Point to be ſettled, by thoſe who have more Skill and Authority in it than myſelf.

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LONDON.

They write from *Camberia*, or *Cimberia*, or *Cimmeria*, [*ſic Orig.*] where almoſt *univerſal* Darkneſs is ſaid to prevail, that Supplications have been offer'd up (by whom is not ſaid) to *Jupiter Cancellarius*, either entirely to remove thoſe *dull Lamps of Æther**, or larger Pſeudo-Lights of the *North*, that have lately ſo balefully clouded the dazzling Aſpects of the leſſer genuine Stars of the *Weſt*; or at leaſt, that he would be graciouſly pleaſed to ſuſpend them, *ab omni gradu ſuſcepta & ſuſcipiendo*.

* Not *dull Lumps of Earth*, as another News-Writer has ignorantly tranſlated it; for how will *Lumps of Earth* clouding *Stars* appear conſiſtent?—The true Reading therefore is evidently reſtored above.—*Riſum, &c.*

Monday his Majeſty declared the Right Hon. the Earl of Granville Preſident of the Privy-Council, in the room of the Duke of Dorſet, Lord Leeutenant of Ireland.

Tueſday his Grace the Duke of Dorſet appointed Francis Herbert, Eſq; Deputy Secretary of his Lieutenancy in Ireland.

And Rev. Dr. James Moreton, to be his Lordſhip's Firſt Chaplain in Ordinary.

Amyand Handaſyde, Eſq; is appointed a Captain in Beauclerk's Regiment of Horſe.

Monday the Lords of Trade and Plantations appointed —— Hewetſon, Eſq; Agent for the Colony of S. Carolina.

Wm Davenant, Eſq; is appointed Agent to Col. Holmes's Regiment of Foot.

Geo. Haydon, Eſq; is appointed a Captain in the ſaid Regiment.

Hugh Morris, Eſq; is appointed Major, and Enſign Holt Lieutenant of the ſame Regiment.

A few Days ſince the Lords of the Admiralty appointed Capt. Elias Bate, late Commander of his Majeſty's Sloop Scorpion at N. Carolina, to be Captain of the Mermaid at S. Carolina, in the room of Capt. Keller, deceaſed.

Laſt Week Mr. Ibbot was ſworn in Meſſenger of the Preſs, in the room of Mr. Gray, deceaſed.

Thurſday was held a Council at St. James's, when Rich. Adams, Eſq; Recorder of this City, attended and made his Report of the 17 Priſoners condemned laſt Seſſions at the Old Bailey, when his Majeſty was pleaſed to order the 16 following for Execution on Monday next, viz.

Beckenfield, for robbing Mr. Dickenſon.
Bourne & Tidd, for Burglary.
Newcomb, for robbing Mr. Clayton.
Roſs, Proctor & Long, for a Burglary.
Watling & Carbold, for Smuggling.
Richardſon, for Forgery.
Baker, for publiſhing eight forged Eaſt-India Warrants.
Weſt, for embezzling the Bank's Money.
Dawſon & Foſter, for robbing David Humphries.
Little John, for robbing Mr. OFarrel. And
Catherine Connor, for forging a Seaman's Will.

Cha. Speckman, convicted for ſtealing a Watch out of a Shop in Fleetſtreet, is ordered for 14 Years Tranſportation.

Laſt Week Mrs. Curzon, of George Street, Hanover-Square, Adminiſtratrix to her Brother —— Curzon, Eſq; lately deceaſed, paid into the Hands of the Treaſurer of Bridewell and Bethlem Hoſpitals 2000l. one to be applied to the Uſe of the common Patients of Bethlem, and the other to the Uſe of the Incurables of the ſaid Hoſpital. And

On Wedneſday laſt, at a General Court of the ſaid Governors, the Treaſurer moved, that Sir Nathaniel Curzon, Bart. and his Son, might be admitted Governors of the ſaid Hoſpitals, which was agreed Nem. Con.

The Preſident, Treaſurer, and Alderman Blachford gave 100 l. each, and Tho. Gordon, Eſq; 50l. to Bethlem Hoſpital.

The Court then took into Conſideration the Report of the Committee, relating to an Apothecary's Shop at Bethlem, and agreed Nem. Con. that ſuch a Shop ſhould be forthwith erected, after the Manner of that in St. Bartholomew's Hoſpital, and that the Committee ſhould have full Power to complete the ſame, and do all other Matters relating thereto, excepting the Choice of an Apothecary.

Thurſday the Commiſſioners of Weſtminſter-Bridge, paid in to the Infirmary in James-ſtreet, Weſtminſter, Benefaction of 100 l. in conſideration of the many Patients that have been relieved in that Hoſpital from Accidents that happened to the Workmen in building the ſaid Bridge.

On Sunday laſt died, at Havering in Eſſex, Jonah Collins, aged 112. He has left one Son, reſident in the ſaid Pariſh above 70 Years, and a Grandſon near 50.

Yeſterday 7-night died at his Seat at Wentworth Woodhouſe, Yorkſhire, the Right Hon. Thomas Watſon Wentworth, Marquis and Baron of Rockingham, Earl of Malton, and Baron of Higham-Ferrers, Lord Lieutenant and Cuſtos Rotulorum of the Weſt, and Cuſtos Rotulorum of the North-Ridings of Yorkſhire, and Knight of the Bath.

Laſt Saturday died, after a long Illneſs, at Blackheath, aged near 80, the Right Hon. Wm Legge, Earl of Dartmouth, Viſcount Lewiſham, Baron of Dartmouth, High Steward of Dartmouth, and one of the Governors of the Charter-School.

On Monday died John Gaſcoign, Eſq; one of the Directors of the Sun Fire Office, and in the Commiſſion of the Peace for Middleſex.

Laſt Saturday died at Ware in Hertfordſhire, Tho. Alliſon, formerly one of the Council of the Dutch Settlement of Batavia in the Eaſt-Indies, whereby he acquired a great Fortune; the Bulk of which he has left to his Son, a Student at Glaſgow; and ſome conſiderable Legacies to charitable Uſes.

Monday died at Migham in Berkſhire, the Hon. Stephen Poyntz, formerly Preceptor to his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland. And

Wm Poyntz, Eſq; ſucceeds him as Inſpector of the Proſecutions in the Court of Exchequer concern-uncuſtomed Goods.

A few Days ſince died at Edwinton, Nottinghamſhire, Wm Wenman, in the Commiſſion of the Peace for that County.

Yeſterday died of a Fever, at his Houſe at Twickenham in Middleſex, Henry Fairbolt, Eſq; a Gentleman in Lincolnſhire, poſſeſſed of a conſiderable Eſtate in that County, of which he has been in the Commiſſion of the Peace many Years.

Laſt Week died at Norwich, Mr. John Beckwith, ſen. one of the Lay-Clerks of that Cathedral, and Maſter of the School, a Man of ſingular Merit & Abilities, but unknown to the World from his Diffidence of both.

Yeſterday 7-Night as Mr. Keely, a Ship Broker at Deptford, was attending as a Pall-Bearer at the Funeral of Mr. Forſter, of the ſame Place, he was taken ill at the Grave with an Apoplectic Fit, and expired immediately.

Wedneſday a Gentleman, who lived at Batterſea, went to the Sign of the Horſe and Groom in Gravel Lane, Southwark, and ordered an Horſe to be got ready; but before it was done he ſhot himſelf under the Right Ear with a Piſtol, and died immediately. He was always thought to be of conſiderable Fortune.

They inform us from Ipſwich, that Clark, alias Plunder, a noted Smuggler, who broke out of Newgate, was ſo much wounded with a Piſtol laſt Sunday ſe'nnight at Buddeſdale, in a Quarrel, that he died on the Tueſday following.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight a large Mob aroſe at Canterbury, and getting into Mr. Perronet's Houſe in the Palace, broke the Pulpit, Benches, &c. the mangled Parts of which, with ſome of his Houſhold Furniture, they burnt in the Market Place; but the Mayor, &c. coming and declaring it a riotous Bonfire, the Mob diſperſed. But laſt Sunday Night they aſſembled in greater Numbers, and broke into the Hall and Parlour of Mr. Perronet, deſtroyed & carried away much of his Houſhold Furniture, and broke a fine Organ to Pieces, threatening to murder Mr. Perronet, and all tke Methodiſts in Canterbury. A Party of Guards was ſent for to quell them, and they were quickly diſperſed, ſome being ſecured. The Methodiſts are determined to bring the Offenders to Juſtice.

On Saturday laſt, at Five in the Evening, Mr. Sharpe was ſtopt in his Chariot between Stratford & Ruckholt-houſe by a ſingle Highwayman, extremely well dreſſed, who robbed him of Eight Guineas, & Mr. Sharpe, having but 7 s. left, deſired he would not take them too, that he might not be quite without Money, which was complied with. But after getting ſome Way from the Chariot, the Highwayman returned, and demanded the 7 s. with Mr. Sharpe's Watch: Upon which the Coachman inſtantly jumped off his Box, laid hold of him while his Head was in the Coach, and, aſſiſted by his Maſter, dragged him off his Horſe and ſecured him. He went on Sunday to Chelmsford Jail. On his Examination before Juſtice Hervey of Chigwell, he ſaid at firſt he was juſt come from Ireland, and afterwards that he was Clerk to an Attorney in Town, but would not own his Name or any thing farther. He is a young Fellow.

Yeſterday 7-night the Cambridge Coach was robbed between Puckeridge and Barkway by a ſingle Highwayman, who took from the Paſſengers, ſix in Number, about 40 s. And ſoon after the ſame Highwayman ſtopt two Gentleman in a Poſt-chaiſe and took from them Five Guineas.

Yeſterday 7-Night, Mr. Dutton, of Dutton-Hall, Cheſhire, was attacked by the four Croſſes in his Road to London, by a ſingle Highwayman, who appeared in a Country-Dreſs, and preſenting a Piſtol to his Breaſt, demanded his Money; but Mr. Dutton not readily complying, the Fellow pulled out a Cycle from under his Coat, (from whence we conclude his Piſtol was not charged, or that he had no Mind to fire it if it was) and threatened to cut Mr. Dutton's Head off if he did not inſtantly deliver; whereupon Mr. Dutton, chuſing rather to loſe his Money than his Head, gave him Seven Guineas with ſome Silver, and then the Villain made off.—But Mr. Dutton, obſerving his Rout, procured ſome Aſſiſtance, and purſuing him overtook him at the Bell and Hart in the Road to Eccleſhall, where he was ſecured. He was carried before Edw. Winſtanley, Eſq; who committed him to Stafford Jail. He called himſelf a Farmer on his Examination, but has ſince appeared to have been a Barber in London, and has committed divers Robberies in Eſſex & Middleſex.

Monday at Two in the Afternoon, Mr. Warner, a Surgeon, going into Eltham, was attacked by a ſingle Highwayman badly mounted, and robbed of 3l. &c.

A few Days ago two Women went into the Shop of Mr. Desbroſſes, Linnendraper, in the Strand, and asked to ſee ſome Muſlins. Accordingly they were ſhewn ſome, and under Pretence of meaſuring the Breadth by her Apron, one of them found means to convey from thence a Remnant, which being immediately miſſed, they were ſecured. Being carried before Henry Fielding, Eſq; they were by him committed to the Gatehouſe. They ſeem both to be Dutch Women, one about 60, the other 30 Years of Age.

Thurſday were brought before Alderman Aſgill at Guildhall, three Perſons, two of them on a ſtrong Suſpicion of breaking open the Houſe of Mr. John Goute, near Cold Bath Fields, Tallow-Chandler, and ſtealing thereout a large Copper; and the 3d a Broker, for buying it, knowing it to be ſtolen. Whereupon they were committed to Wood ſtreet Compter.

Tueſday a young Gambler, charged on the Oath of a Weſt Country Grazier, for defrauding him of 125 l. at pricking in the Garter, was committed by Alderman Whitaker to the Gatehouſe. The ſaid he is an old Offender.

On Friday 7-Night, Mr. Froud, an eminent Maſter of Muſick, was attacked in Red-lion-ſquare by five Street Robbers, armed with Bludgeons and Piſtols, who ſurrounded him, knocked him down, and robbed him of his Gold Watch and three Guineas, and made off towards Bloomsbury.

On Saturday Night between 7 and 8, ſome Villains ſtop'd Mark Wynne, Eſq; near Bedford-houſe, and demanded his Money; but the old Gentleman being deaf, and not delivering, they knocked him down, bruiſed him very much, and robbed him of a Gold Watch and a conſiderable Sum of Money.

Laſt Saturday Night, near 12, Mr. Carney, a Linnendraper, was ſtopt in Princes-ſtreet, Drury-lane, by three Villains; one of whom fired a Piſtol and miſſed him, another ſtruck on the Head with a Bludgeon, and the third with a Hanger cut him croſs the Wriſt in a terrible Manner. After theſe barbarous Salutes at meeting, they rifled him, and took their Leave.

Laſt Night ſeveral Robberies were committed in Lincolns Inn Fields, by a Gang of Six Ruffians well armed.

Mrs. Keith's Corpſe was removed from her Husband's Houſe in May-Fair, the Middle of October 1749, to an Apothecary's in South-Audley Street, where ſhe lies in a Room hung with Mourning, and is to continue there 'till Mr. Keith can attend her Funeral.——Several Perſons belonging to Churches and Chapels, together with many others, ſuppoſing the Marriages at May-Fair New Chapel detrimental to their Intereſt, have made it their Buſineſs to raiſe and clamour, but in ſuch a Manner as not to deſerve an Anſwer, becauſe every thing they have ſaid tends only to expoſe their own Ignorance and Malice, in the Opinion of People of good Senſe and Underſtanding.—The Way to Mr. Keith's Chapel is thro' Piccadilly, by the End of St. James's-Street, and down Clarges-Street, and turn on the Left-Hand. The Marriages (together with a Licence on a Five Shilling Stamp, and Certificate) are carried on for a Guinea as uſual, any Time 'till Four in the Afternoon, by another regular Clergyman, at Mr. Keith's Little Chapel in May-Fair, near Hyde-Park Corner, oppoſite the Great Chapel, and within Ten Yards of it. There is a Porch at the Door like a Country-Church Porch.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Glocester, Dec. 15. Laſt Thurſday were committed to our Caſtle, Ste. & Geo. Phipps, & Geo. Thorn, on Suſpicion of burning a Coach-Houſe, Barn, &c. at Broad Riſington in this County, and ſtealing a Quantity of Wheat, &c. belonging to Mr. Tho. Anſell. The diabolical Deſign of theſe Villains was not half accompliſhed, for they intended to rob Mr. Anſell's Dwelling-houſe, while the Family were employed in extinguiſhing the Fire at the Outhouſes.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Dec. 11. By a Letter from Sweden we learn, that the French have contracted for all the Oak Timber that ſhall be cut down for a Number of Years to come.

Laſt Week Joſ. Sheldon, Serjeant in Gen. Poultney's Regiment, was paid 500 Marks by Order of Government, as the Reward of his apprehending Wm Grant, a Popiſh Prieſt, convicted at Aberdeen and ſentenced into Baniſhment laſt September.

This Morning died Widow Braidfoot, aged 109. She perfectly remembered the Beheading of Charles the Firſt.

IRELAND.

Dublin, Dec. 11. Ly Letters from ſeveral Parts of this Kingdom, we have melancholy Accounts of the Ravages made by the Storm, particularly from Wicklow, where a Keel was ſeen floating with her Keel up. Letters from Newmarket in Cork, dated Dec. 3, mention, that in the midſt of the moſt violent Storm ever known, a Fire broke out, which, aided by the Tempeſt, threatened the general Conflagration of the whole Town; that the Inhabitants in Confuſion threw their Goods into the Streets; but that after three Hours Violence, the Fire abated and was, in a ſhort Time after, providentially ſubdued; ſo that only 14 Houſes with their Furniture were entirely conſumed.

Tueſday died, Mr. Daniel Hand, of Caſtlekelly near Tallaght, aged 102, perfectly ſenſible to the laſt; and a few Days before died at Ringſeed, Mr. James Lundy, aged 105, who likewiſe retained his Senſes and Health to the laſt.

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WHICH, without the leaſt Trouble, Confinement, or any Diſorder whatever, do at once ſtrike at the true Cauſe of the Scurvy, and entirely deſtroy it, and all Scorbutick Humors and Effects, Root and Branch, ſo as never to return again, as many Thouſands of both Sexes have experienced, and as all who take them in Three Days Time are convinced; for they almoſt inſtantly alter the morbid State of the Juices, purify the Blood, ſweeten all the Fluids, cleanſe them from Impurities, and directly clear the whole Habit from all Spots, Blotches, black and blue Marks, Itchings, foul Eruptions or Breakings out, Weakneſs of the Limbs, languid Heavineſs of the whole Body, wandering Pains, Weakneſs of the Back, and all the vaſt Variety of Symptoms by which the Scurvy imitates and often lies conceal'd under the Appearance of the Rheumatiſm, and many other Diſtempers.

And for ſtrengthening the Stomach, immediately creating a good Appetite, cauſing a regular and eaſy Digeſtion of Food, and curing all windy Effects and Diſorders of the firſt Paſſages, (whence proceed Head-Achs, Vapours, and other Indiſpoſitions) no Bitters, nor any other Medicine upon Earth can compare with them, inſomuch that beſides infallibly curing the Scurvy, in all its Shapes and Appearances, they aſſuredly and directly cure the Green-Sickneſs in Virgins, Worms, of all Kinds, in Young or Old, and almoſt all other Chronick Diſeaſes, which are chiefly occaſioned by Indigeſtion and flatulent Crudities in the Stomach and Bowels) and certainly prevent Fevers, Agues, and other acute Illneſſes.

They are wonderfully Cordial and Reſtorative, ſtrengthen and ereon the whole Machine, and, as ſoon as taken, make the Patient pleaſantly lightſome, brisk and vigorous to Admiration, and are good for all Sorts of Perſons, to preſerve as well as to procure a ſound and healthful State of Body.

But the great Reputation theſe ſo much fam'd and moſt pleaſant Chymical DROPS have ſo univerſally gain'd among Perſons of Eminence, for their ſuddenly and infallibly curing the Scurvy and all Scorbutick Humors, and other Chronick Diſeaſes, in ſuch an eaſy and agreeable Manner, have occaſioned many to imitate them, ſome under the ſame, and others under other Names; be careful therefore not to be deceived, but be ſure to have the Right, which, by the Author's ſpecial Appointment, are to be had, only at the Gentlewoman's at the two blue Poſts in Haydon Yard in the Minories, at 3s. 6d a Bottle, with Directions.

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ALL judicious Phyſicians and Surgeons allow, that nothing is more difficult to cure, even by the very beſt Method and Medicines in uſual Practice, than Stubborn Gleets and Seminal Weakneſſes whether occaſion'd by too ſevere purging for Venereal Injuries, violent Strains, Pollutions, or any other Cauſe whatever; and that they are dangerous in their Conſequences, as well as difficult to cure, is as certain ſince they exceedingly weaken the Generative Faculties, infeeble the whole Nervous Syſtem, often bring on Hectick Heats, a Tabes Dorſalis, or Conſumption of the Back, or an Atrophy or Nervous Conſumption; which frequently terminate in Death itſelf.

All ſuch therefore who have the Misfortune to be troubled with Old ſtubborn Gleets, Seminal Effluxions, Involuntary Emiſſions, exceſſive Nocturnal Pollutions, or any Weakneſs of the Kidneys, Ureters, or Bladder, the Diabetes, Incontinency of Urine, or Difficulty of holding their Water, would doubtleſs be glad to meet with a certain, ſafe and ſpeedy Cure, which they muſt aſſuredly may, by the taking only a ſmall Quantity of a tranſcendent Balſamick Reſtrictive Electuary, now publiſhed for a general Good, after having for many Years in private Practice been experienced never once to fail of perfectly curing the moſt ſtubborn Gleets known, in a few Days, without Difficulty or Trouble; as alſo all other Weakneſſes of the Back, Reins, Seminal Veſſels and Urinary Paſſages, which it almoſt inſtantly cures, bringing to rights and reſtoring all thoſe Parts and Paſſages to their natural Tone and priſtine Vigour, in a very extraordinary Manner, and by taking a few Doſes of it only.

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